The cut motion was by leave withdrawn.

The demand was put and carried and the grant made.

GRANT XIX—MEDICAL.

* The hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN :—" Mr. President, on the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor, I beg to move—

> '*that the Government be granted a further sum not exceeding Rs.* 100 *under Grant XIX—Medical.*'

" Sir, this is a token demand for meeting the expenditure on travelling and other allowances to the members nominated and elected to the All-India Medical Council and contingencies (conduct of elections). We have to spend about Rs. 400 in connexion with the election as non-recurring expenditure and about Rs. 1,800 on travelling allowances as recurring expenditure. The full particulars are given in the note. The Accountant-General who was consulted wants a vote of this House for this expenditure. Therefore I have come here with this token demand."

The demand was put and carried and the grant made.

GRANT XXVII—MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENTS—RESERVED.

* The hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN :—" Sir, on the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor, I beg to move—

> '*that the Government be granted a further sum not exceeding Rs.* 31,000 *under Grant XXVII—Miscellaneous Departments—Reserved.*'

" Sir, as stated in the explanatory notes, the Labour Commissioner has reported that he requires Rs. 29,400 for the purpose of employing an assistant manager on Rs. 2,065, lighting charges Rs. 1,300, maintenance of incapables Rs. 2,000, sick charges Rs. 350, travelling allowance Rs. 900, maintenance of settlers Rs. 17,000, office building Rs. 3,000 and laying down of new pipe lines in place of old at Bitragunta and their maintenance Rs. 1,925. We also require Rs. 1,600 for payment of compensation to the Salvation Army for the meeting hall in the Sitanagaram Settlement, the management of which has been taken over by the Government. The reason why we want these amounts is clearly stated in the explanatory notes and I have nothing more to add. I request the House to pass this demand."

The demand was put and carried and the grant made.

IX.—EXCESS DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR 1931–32.

* The hon. Sir HOPETOUN STOKES :—" I beg to move—

> '(*a*) *that an additional sum not exceeding Rs.* 45,497 *be granted under " Grant XXX—Civil Works—Establishment and Tools and Plant " to make good the excess expenditure incurred in the year* 1931–32;

> '(*b*) *that an additional sum not exceeding Rs.* 1,786 *be granted under " Grant XXXVIII—Refunds of Revenue—Reserved and Transferred " to make good the excess expenditure incurred in the year* 1931–32.'

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"These two items of expenditure have been found in making up the accounts of the year's expenditure. They have been submitted to the Public Accounts Committee which, in both the cases, has recommended that the excess grants should be moved in the Legislative Council in order to regularize the expenditure. I think hon. Members have already in their hands explanatory notes relating to both these items and I trust they will find all the necessary information there. Therefore I do not want to detain the House by going into details now."

The hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN :—"I beg to second it."

The demands were put and carried and the grants made.

X.—A BILL FURTHER TO AMEND THE MADRAS CITY CIVIL COURT ACT, 1892 (BILL No. 14 OF 1933).

* The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"I beg to introduce—

'*a Bill further to amend the Madras City Civil Court Act,* 1892 (*Bill No.* 14 *of* 1933) *and move that it be referred to a Select Committee consisting of Members whose names have already been circulated to hon. Members.*'

"For the benefit of the House I shall read the names:—

1. Diwan Bahadur Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Ayyar (Advocate-General).
2. Mr. G. Sriramulu.
3. ,, T. Sundara Rao Nayudu.
4. ,, M. A. Muthiah Chettiyar.
5. Dr. P. Subbarayan.
6. Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti.
7. ,, Basheer Ahmed Sayeed.
8. ,, Mahboob Ali Baig.
9. ,, K. P. Raman Menon.
10. ,, A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar.
11. Rao Bahadur C. Natesa Mudaliyar.
12. Mr. F. Birley.
13. ,, R. Madanagopal Nayudu.
14. ,, T. C. Srinivasa Ayyangar.
15. The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar (Mover).

Sir, it is a very short Bill and the object of the Bill is to enhance the pecuniary jurisdiction of the Madras City Civil Court from its present maximum limit, viz., Rs. 2,500 to Rs. 10,000. The High Court has been strongly pressing upon the Government the need to introduce the present Bill for enhancing the jurisdiction of this court to Rs. 10,000. I may also mention that the Civil Justice Committee in 1925 reported that the pecuniary jurisdiction of the City Civil Court should be enhanced. My friends in this House will remember that the pecuniary limit of the Sub-Judges in the mufassal is unlimited. They have the right of disposing of suits whose valuation goes up to lakhs and crores of rupees and even the jurisdiction of a District Munsif is

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